

**FELL ON MEAT HOOKS.**

Epstein Dropped from the Fire-Escape and Was Badly Hurt.

**Fire Caused a Panic in a Division Street Tenement-House.**

**Barbed-Wire Fences and Nailed Shutters Added Terrors.**

About 1 o'clock this morning a fire, having every appearance of incendiary origin, broke out in the crowded three-story tenement-house at 159 Division Street.

In the panic which ensued one man was badly hurt by jumping; a woman was burned severely and many others had narrow escapes.

Policeman Hendry saw the smoke coming from the second-story window. He called to a passing citizen, who ran to the nearest house and turned on an alarm. Hendry broke open the door with the intention of waking the occupants but the smoke and flames that filled the narrow hall deterred him.

As he hesitated to enter a man and a woman, each carrying two children in their arms, rushed down the burning stairs into the streets. They were clad only in their night clothing. The flames caught the flimsy skirt of one of the children, but it was torn from the child before doing any further harm than a slight scorching.

Only six persons escaped by the stairway—Morris Zarachovitch, janitor of the house, his wife and their four children. The janitor was asleep on the roof. He rushed down to the second floor where his family slept and hurried them out. His loud cries as he ran had aroused the other inmates of the house.

As the policeman stood in the street calling loudly, he could hear the frantic cries of the people imprisoned in the house, and the tramp of hurrying feet, mingled with the roar of the flames and the crackle of falling timbers.

The fire started under the stairway on the ground floor, and was rapidly extending upward the upper stories when discovered.

The people flocked from their rooms only to be met by volumes of thick smoke, some of them seeking the escapes, but the connecting ladder from the second floor to the ground was missing, and the way out being cut off that way, they became useless, and she gave up the attempt and ran for the roof.

Jacob Epstein and his wife lived on the third floor. They hurried down the stairs, although they were urged not to do so. They got no further than the second floor, where they were driven to the fire-staircase.

But the flames were there, too, so Epstein climbed over the railing, hung himself by an arm, and fell head downward, the escape, on the first floor, there is a butcher-shop, and outside the door are big hooks on which meat is hung.

Epstein fell directly on these hooks. His right arm caught in one of them. There he hung suspended for an instant, while his wife, who had run down from above. Then the flesh of his arm gave way and he dropped to the sidewalk below, the blood after he was taken to the hospital.

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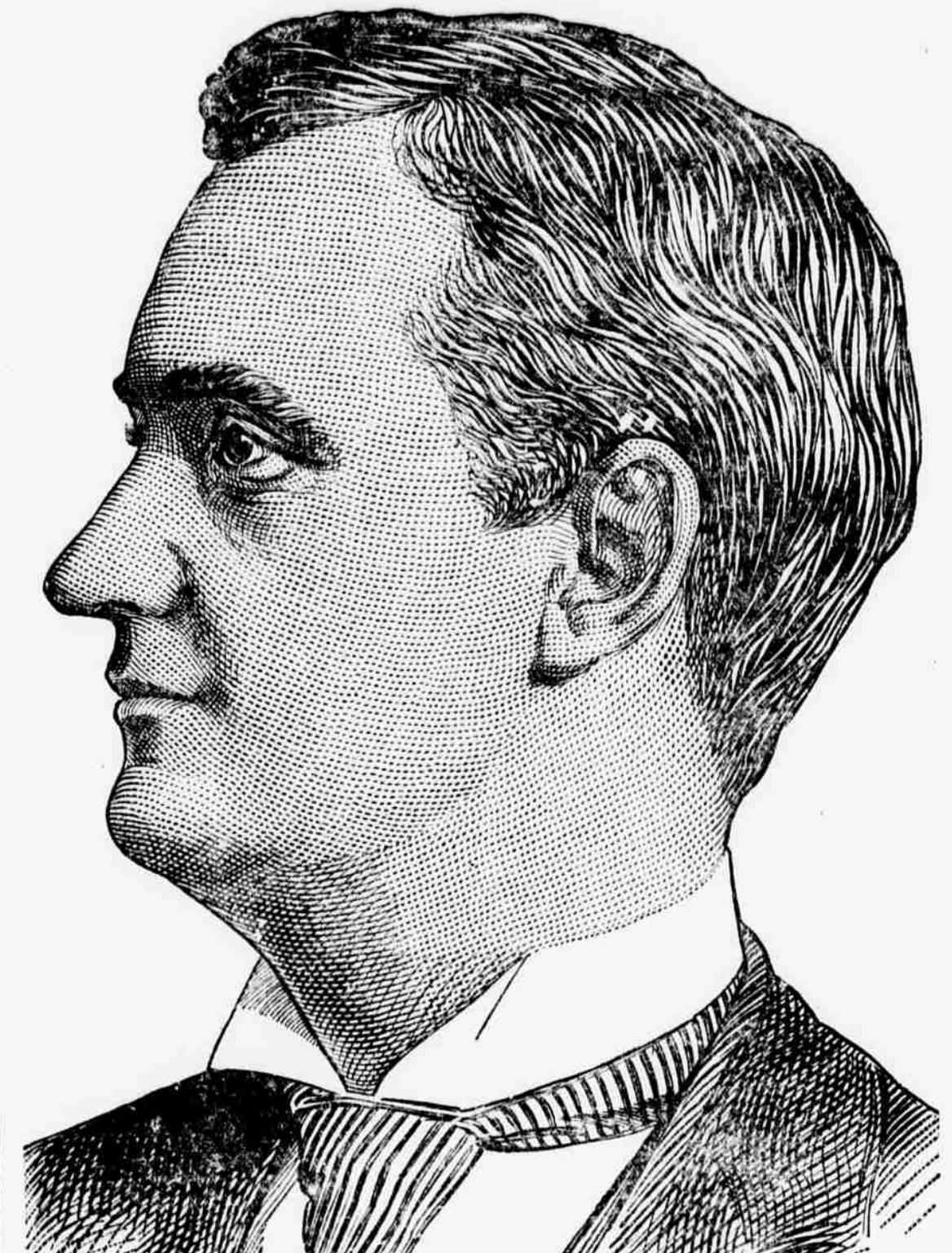
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